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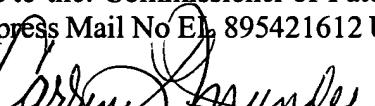
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicants herewith submit the references which are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

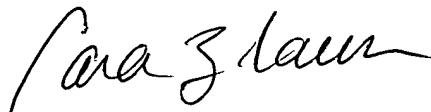
(1) within three (3) months of the filing date or before the mailing date of the First Office Action on the merits or;

- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, and the requisite Certification or fee under Rule 1.17(p) is included herein; or
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Applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office make of record the references cited. Neither Applicants nor their attorney make any representation herein that more pertinent, albeit presently unknown art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider each of the references cited herein.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fee required with the submission of this paper to our Deposit Account 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,



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